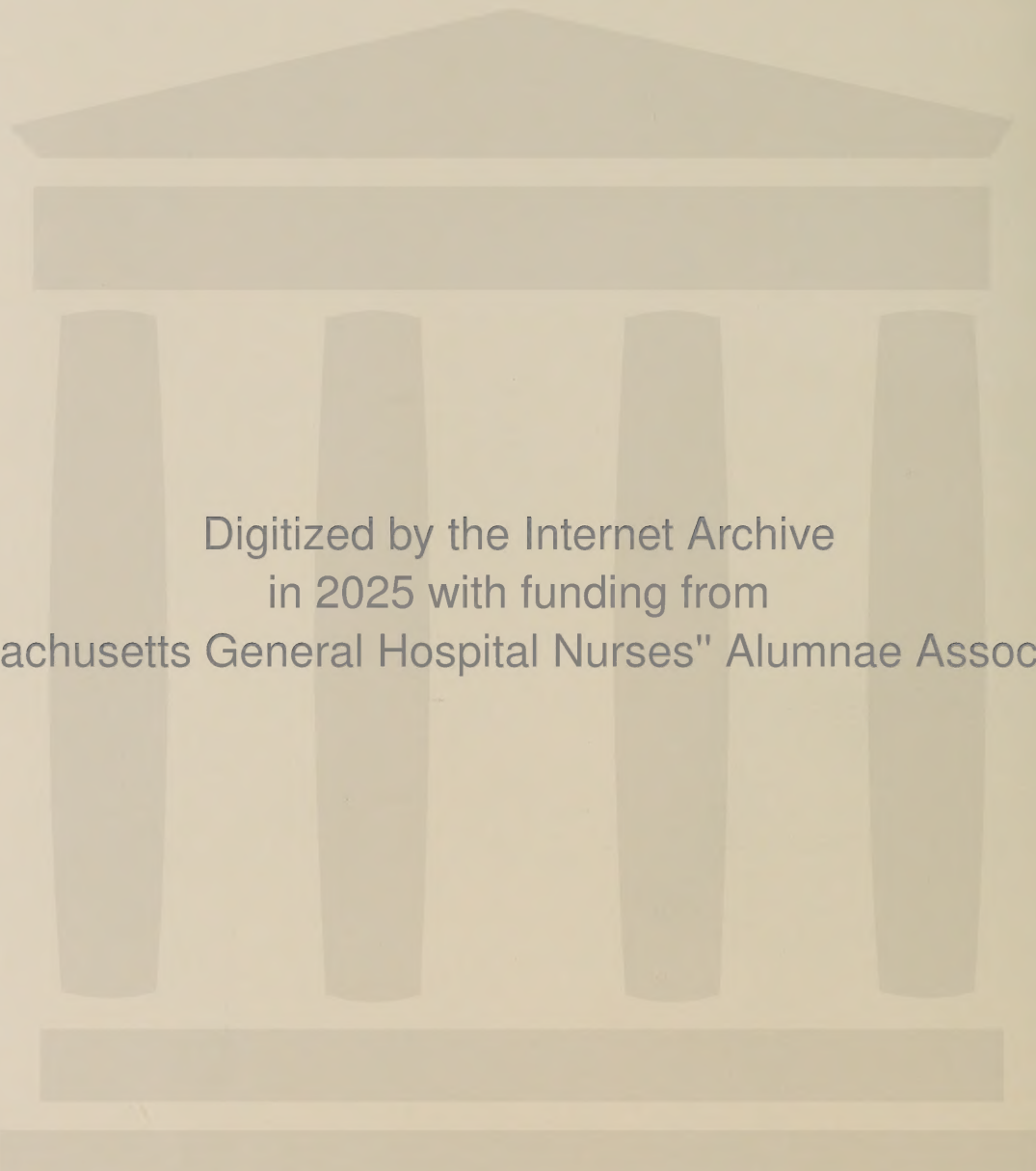


108. Pauline Dallen 1889 - 1909

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Superintendent of Nurses

DOLLIVER, Pauline L.

Class of 1889

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Photograph taken in 1899

Autograph - (Given to the MGH by Helen Wood)

Sketch of her life

Letters of recommendation for Superintendent of Nurses - 2 letters dated 3/1899
1 letter " 1/1899

Letter from James G. Mumford re/carelessness of certain ward nurses
and their indifference to, or neglect of, orders. -Date: Dec.20,1905

Letter from Acting Chief Nurse of The Society of the Lying-in Hospital, N.Y.
re relieving Miss Helen Edith Nichols from further duty at the Hospital.

Letter from Elise Lewis sending in her resignation
Letters from Dr. Washburn approving the discipline given Sarah M. Parmeter
and Miss Nichols.

Letter from Pauline L. Dolliver March 13, 1906, to Dr. Howard,
agreeing to Boston Lying In Hospital relationship for the school,
with certain specified provisions.

Note signed by members of the Ladies Advisory Committee to the
Training School, presenting a gift to Miss Dolliver

See Cross File - SIMMONS COLLEGE/MISS DOLLIVER
"Letters-Course Information"
for the School of Nursing

plus a Memorandum of Agreement between
MCH and Simmons College

*and Preparatory Course for Probationers
1903*

Brightwater Bond

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Pauline L. Dolliver (Class of 1889)

Born in Auburndale, Mass. Jan. 10, 1862.

Died Faulkner Hospital Aug. 11, 1921.

Head Nurse, Saint Lukes Hospital, New York City, and Saint Lukes Hospital, Utica, New York.

Course Assistant, School of Philanthropy of Columbia University.

Assistant to Anna C. Maxwell, Presbyterian Hospital, New York City, 1897.

Superintendent, Training School Massachusetts General Hospital, 1899-1909.

While Superintendent at Massachusetts General Hospital, introduced bedside clinics, affiliations for obstetrics, pediatrics and care of private patients; Simmons College preliminary course instructor for practical nursing procedures; also, graduation exercises and student social activities due to her influence. Organized Central Directory for Nurses, New York City, 1910, being Registrar until 1914.

Assistant to Resident Physician of Massachusetts General Hospital in charge of Phillips House, 1917. Held position until a few weeks before her death.

Member of the Guild of St. Barnabas for Nurses.

Member of the Cathedral Church of St. Paul, Boston.

Member of the National League of Nursing Education, besides State Association.

Board of Directors, American Nurses Association, 1904-1905.

DOLLIVER, Pauline L.

MGH School of Nursing, 1889

Experience before MGH positions:

Assisted Miss Maxwell in establishing a Training School at
St. Luke's Hospital in New York after graduating from MGH

Source: Biography
1887 ?

Left St. Luke's after 2 years - did some private nursing

Biography

Took charge of school connected with St. Luke's Hospital,
Utica, New York

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Remained at this school until she returned to New York as
Miss Maxwell's assistant at the Presbyterian Hospital School
for ten years

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Manager of the Central Registry of New York before Supt. of Nurses
at Phillips House

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Positions held at MGH:

Superintendent of Training School for Nurses, which position she
filled for 10 years

1899-1910

Superintendent of Nurses in Phillips House, MGH
(Assistant to the Resident Physician (Director)

Resigned September 1, 1909

(Miss Parson's History

(Compiled by SPerkins)

"died August 12, 1921 in Phillips House, Massachusetts General Hospital after three months of nobly borne suffering caused by inoperable abdominal carcinoma.

Miss Dolliver was widely known and sincerely loved, particularly by the nurses of New England and New York, as hers has been a very active life spent modestly for the betterment of nursing.

Born in Auburndale, Massachusetts, in 1862, she graduated from MGH School of Nursing in 1889. Birthdate Jan. 10, 1862. After several years in head nurse positions at MGH and St. Kuke's, New York, and in private duty nursing, she became assistant to Miss Maxwell at the Presbyterian, New York.

In 1899 she returned to MGH as Superintendent of the School.

In 1910 Miss Dolliver returned to New York to organize the Central Directory for Nurses, a position she resigned in 1914 to accept the post she occupied at the time of her death, that of assistant to the Resident Physician of the MGH, in charge of Phillips House."

Source: Washburn, MGH 1900-1935
Topic: Pauline L. Dolliver

1. (page 156): Miss Dolliver, Superintendent of Nurses, succeeding Miss Brown in 1897 (?error--?1899)
2. (page 176): Miss Dolliver presided at the end of a single long table in the House Officers' dining room located at the foot of the more westerly of the two east-wing staircases in the Bulfinch Building"and certain ceremonies and restraints were maintained to show respect to her."
3. (page 243); The first Assistant to the Resident Physician (Director) placed in charge of the Phillips House upon its (1917) opening was Miss P. L. D.. The Hospital was very fortunate to obtain her services to start the new project in the care of private patients. She conducted her department most successfully, and skilfully guided the Phillips House to its almost immediate success. In 1920 she was incapacitated by the illness which soon proved fatal.
4. (page 444): PLD, R. N. Was Superintendent of Nurses from 1899-1910 (? 1909 actually) and Assistant to the Resident Physician (Director) in charge of the Phillips House from its opening in 1917 to the date of her death in office in 1921. At the time of her resignation as Superintendent of Nurses, the Resident Physician says in his annual report: "Miss Dolliver served the Hospital faithfully and ably for ten years. It is with great regret that her resignation is accpeted. It may well be the ambition of servants of the institution to leave behind them as good a record as has Miss Dolliver."

Dr. Washburn in his Annual Report following Miss Dolliver's death said: (Miss PLD, Assistant to the Resident Physician, died in office August 11, 1921. She was in immediate charge of the Phillips House from its opening until her death and much of its success is due to her. Miss D..was Supterintendent of Nurses of this Hospital from 1899-1909, a period marked by progress and accomplishment in our School of Nursing. She was a woman of high ideals. She never compromised with low standards of conduct or dishonesty. Her life of service, of sacrifice, and high ideals of duty was an inspiration to many a

nurse, patient, and doctor in the MGH."

"Miss Dolliver left to the Hospital, for the Training School Endowment Fund, the bulk of her life savings, about \$10,000."

(See Annual Report MGH Trustees in which exact sum is listed)

End of Washburn on Dolliver

Sanders, Georgiana J. succeeded PLD October 1909 - March 1910

Source: Minutes Ladies Committee
May 1906-April 1908

1907, May 13³
meeting

The Trustees have given her a six-months vacation beginning July 1. As much as the Committee will miss her, they feel that she needs the rest, and are thankful that she is to have it

(Miss McCrae in charge)

1908, Jan. 13 Miss Dolliver had returned from her six-months absence to the great pleasure of the Committee, and made her report.

The Trustees have given Miss Dolliver another assistant, Miss Grant.

(No other specifics on Miss Dolliver in these minutes)

Minutes Volume 12, 1908-Feb. 1911

Nov. 18, 1909 "The entirely unexpected news of Miss Dolliver's resignation July 1 was received with the most profound regret by the ladies of the Committee. Miss Dolliver's constant support and cooperation has made easy the work of the Committee and fostered their easier relation with the nurses, and they owe much to Miss Dolliver's help in carrying out the work they were appointed by the Trustees to do.

"They part with the greatest regret and the strongest feelings of friendship and esteem and best wishes for her future work,-- much regretting that it does not continue in the Massachusetts General Hospital.

Ellen Vaughan, Secretary

May 17, 1909 "This being the last meeting of the Ladies' Committee with Miss Dolliver they parted with truest regret and had the pleasure of giving her a five o'clock silver tea service and tray, as an expression of friendship and esteem."

Adjourned to second Monday October.

E. Vaughan, Secretary

(Miss Sanders present at October 11 meeting).

Source: AMERICAN JOURNAL OF NURSING
22:79 (editorial)

"One of Miss Maxwell's comments on Miss Dolliver is particularly timely as food for thought at the present time: She early gained the confidence of the medical profession, which was her staunch support.

"If more of us were blessed with this will to cooperate, there would be less of friction and misunderstanding between two professions which must work together to accomplish their highest aims. Neither can stand alone."

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"She was educated in the schools of Newton, Massachusetts.

"On graduation (MGH TS) she remained for one year as head nurse on a surgical ward.

"Early in 1890 she went to the state of New York and while there was a head nurse at St. Luke's Hospital. She was also at St. Luke's Hospital, Utica, and did private nursing for some three years. While doing private nursing, Miss Dolliver spent a year travelling with a patient in Europe.

Upon her return to New York City, she took a course at the School of Philanthropy at Columbia University.

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"Miss Dolliver was a member of the Guild of St. Barnabas for Nurses, and of the Cathedral Church of St. Paul, from which church the funeral services were held on August 13.

"Nursing organization of which she was a member: MGH Nurses Alumnae Association, Mass. State Nurses Association, American Nurses Association, National League of Nursing Education."

Sara Parsons, who succeeded Miss Dolliver at MGH as Superintendent of the Training School has written

(copy p. 152-153 to end.) History of the Training School

MASSACHUSETTS GENERAL HOSPITAL.

Apr. 18th

1887

THE admission of

Pauline D. Oliver

to the

Boston Training School for Nurses, is hereby approved.

W. B. Smith

Resident Physician.

Sept. 1876.

BOSTON TRAINING SCHOOL FOR NURSES,

ATTACHED TO THE

MASSACHUSETTS GENERAL HOSPITAL.

BOSTON, *May 18,* 188*7.*

I, the undersigned, hereby agree to remain at the BOSTON TRAINING SCHOOL FOR NURSES two years as a pupil of the School.

[Pupils will receive ten dollars (\$10) a month during the first year, and fourteen dollars (\$14) a month during the second year, for their personal expenses. When the full term of two years is satisfactorily completed, a diploma will be given, certifying to their period of training, their proficiency, and moral character.

The Directors reserve the right to terminate the connection of a pupil with the School for any reason which they may deem sufficient.]

Pauline L. Tolliver.



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M. W. S.

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30th November, 1886.

To Miss Anna Le May with

Superintendent of Training School
for Nurses,

My dear Madam:

It is a pleasure to reply to
your inquiries regarding Miss Lou-
isa G. Walker.

I have known her from her
birth. Her Character is in-
maculate, and from the special
Wills of her Mother as a nurse
I can see Miss Walker will

So lower to your training.

She is quite intelligent and
conscientious and I believe of
generally excellent health.

You will quite understand
that a far higher recommendation
than mine is that she is a

special object of regard with
my wife who has also to account
her from birth - as women judge
women more severely than men.

I am with great respect
Yours obt. servt.

Chas. Lamberton

West Newton Nov 29 - 1886

Miss Anne A. Maxwell
Super Training School,

Dear Madam, - Yours in regard
to Miss Dulliver is received. She was Librarian
for our Athenaeum some time and I became
well acquainted with her - Should judge her
specially adapted for Hospital work - She
has a good mind and character - is very
thorough and painstaking in everything she
undertakes, and while rather slender in
form I think is one of the enduring kind
and capable of more hard work than some
who look more robust. We were very much
pleased with her while she was in our
employ and regret her leaving -

Very respectfully yours
James H. Nickerson

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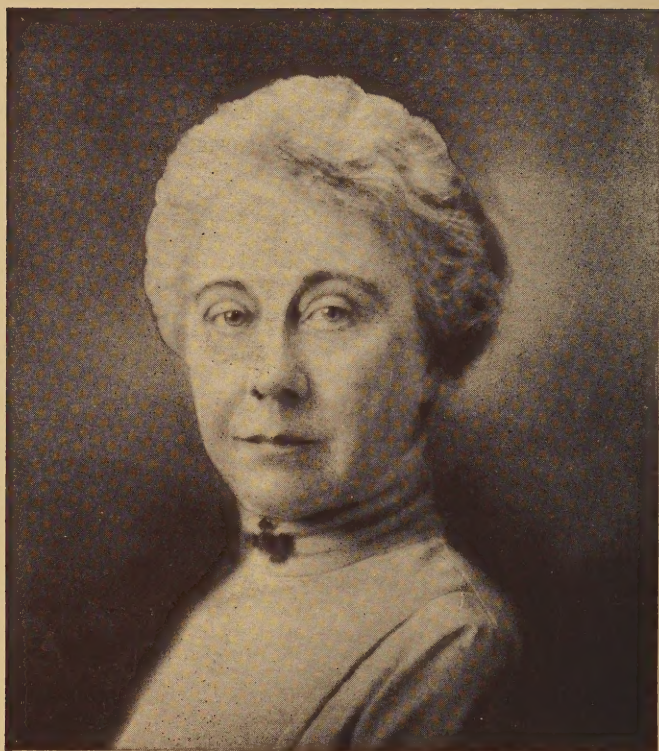
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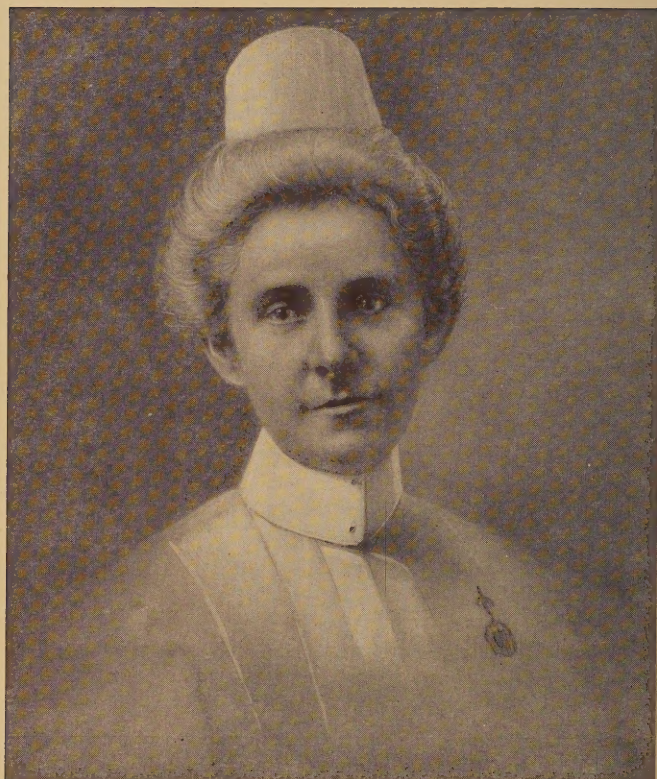
ABBIE HUNT was born in 1850 at Blue Ash, near Cincinnati, Ohio. She received her early education in the district schools and high school. When she expressed her desire to become a nurse she met with the strongest opposition from her father. However, with the determination so characteristic of her later work and the encouragement of an aunt, who saw the future in nursing, she entered the Bellevue Hospital Training School and graduated in 1881. After some time spent as supervisor of the obstetrical and emergency wards at Bellevue, she went to St. Louis, Mo., to organize a school for nurses in connection with the city hospital, the first graduate nurse to undertake work in St. Louis.

In 1884 she was appointed superintendent of the Flower Mission Training School in connection with the Indianapolis City Hospital, where she graduated the first class of nurses in Indiana. Only a woman with the strong character and perseverance of Abbie Hunt could have met and conquered the obstacles of a newly organized Training School, the first in the middle west. This she did and the beautiful 500-bed City Hospital and School for Nurses in Indianapolis stands today as a monument to her untiring efforts.

In 1887 she married Mr. Peter F. Bryce, chairman of the hospital board, and an ardent supporter of the Training School. After the death of her husband in 1903, she became interested in public health nursing and spent four years of constant effort in the organization of the Public Health Nursing Association of Indianapolis. Much of her time of late years has been given to the advancement of this organization. As a tribute to her work, the association started a scholarship fund in January, 1922, and named it the Abbie Hunt Bryce Fund. Although an ardent supporter of public health nursing Mrs. Bryce has never lost sight of the many other branches of the profession and her keen insight and ready advice as helped many a nurse over a rough place.

At a recent meeting of the Indianapolis City Hospital Alumnae Association, the nurses were thrilled to see "Mother" Bryce, as she is affectionately known, smiling at them from her automobile, undaunted by the fact that she is no longer able to walk. At that meeting everyone felt proud to be a follower in the footsteps of one so dauntless. As a tribute to one who has always been and is still an inspiration to the graduates of the City Hospital, the Alumnae started a loan fund for student nurses and named it the "Mother Bryce Fund."

G. M. C.



PAULINE L. DOLLIVER



Miss D. Oliver

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